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NOTIFICATION OF  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

This communication is to inform applicants that the Notification of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) issued by the Office on 25 May 2000 is VACATED for the following reason:

On 18 April 2000, applicants have not completed all the requirements for entry into the national stage in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371. The declaration of the inventors was unsigned. Accordingly, the Notification of Acceptance of Application of 25 May 2000 was issued prematurely and is hereby VACATED.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing, including the issuance of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) to inform applicants that an oath or declaration of inventors along with the surcharge for the filing of an oath or declaration later than 20 months from the priority date must be submitted in order to avoid abandonment of the application in the United States.

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